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Hon. Michael Kubayanda, Chairman
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Re: Docket Number: MC2021-78

April 28, 2021

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Product category. I know this will dramatically increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools.

I am the Director of a Montessori School who range in age 3-6 years (pre-K-Kindergarten.) Although this is a private school, we are in School District 200. There is no doubt that the additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those purchasing books which are the families of our students. Purchasing these books at a lower cost means more reading is done by the children. There are so many barriers these days with reading that it would only get worse when families cannot afford books. Children need to know the feel of a book in their hands, to read stories using correct verbiage and not slang words.

With the bonus points receive, I am able to stock our library at the school as well as use them to purchase gifts for the children and their families. These books continue to inspire a love of reading and impacts their life in all areas.

The literacy rates in the United States is high. Let us not increase this number by raising costs so that our children cannot buy books.

I urge you to deny this transfer or to exempt educational materials so that I can continue to provide quality books for my students and their families.

Sincerely,


Patricia Clauss, Director

CC: Hon. Carolyn B Maloney
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